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1. The ad hoc "Peace Committee" for Karachi* met in Khaliqdina Hall in Karachi on 23 July 1950 for the purpose of establishing a permanent Committee. The meeting was open to those holding invitations and to reporters. A permanent "Peace Committee" was established with Communist elements in a position to control it, but with Pir Illahi Bakhsh, former Premier of Sind, as President and Farid Jafri, Editor of the Urdu edition of Dawn, as one of the Vice Presidents.** Illahi Bakhsh is currently allied with H. S. Suhrawardy in the Awami Muslim League and is a bitter opponent of the present Sind Government headed by Premier Qazi Fazlullah. Illahi Bakhsh is not a political power in Sind as a whole at the present time, but he does have a following, particularly among the illiterate Muslim peasants, and status as a Pir, in his home district of Larkana. For this reason he is of particular interest to the Communists so long as they are following a "united front" policy.
2. Illahi Bakhsh and G. M. Sved of Badu, Sind, another out-of-office politician whom the Communists are trying to use in their united front, are currently trying to patch up their differences with their erstwhile arch-enemy Mohammad Ayub Khuhro, president of the Sind Muslim League and the dominant politician in Sind. They are using as an opening a rumor that Khuhro has had some dispute with Qazi Fazlullah, who was handpicked for the post of Premier by Khuhro. This has given the Karachi Communists some hope that they might also get Khuhro to back their "peace" campaign.***
3. Following the "Peace Committee" meeting a secret meeting of the Communists and reliable fellow travellers on the Committee was held at the room of M. A. Kirmani**** in the Grand Hotel, Karachi. Among those present were Kirmani, Mumtaz Hussain****, Tufail Ahmad Khan****, Hafiz Ashraf, Sayed Parvez, Riaz Rofi, and Ibrahim Jalees****. At this meeting the main topic was the best tactics for exploiting the united front appeal of the "peace" campaign. Ibrahim Jalees was delegated to attempt to get Fatima Jinnah to support the campaign.

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Comment. This is unlikely to happen, but worth watching--
particularly inasmuch as political circles in Karachi believe that
Khuhro will soon become a Minister of the Government of Pakistan,
possibly replacing Khawaja Shahabuddin as Minister of the Interior.

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